

John Peterson

JOHN PETERSON, SR., and his wife lived here for many years. Mr. Peterson was an early Justice of the Peace in Midway. They had one son, John, Jr., who had two daughters by his first wife, Betsy Crawford. The girls were Lydia and Marcella. His second wife Mahalia Lance gave him a son and daughter, Guy and Amanda.⁶⁷¹



David Van Wagener

VAN WAGENER, David, Bishop of the Midway Ward, Wasatch Stake, Wasatch Co., Utah, from 1877 to 1892, was born July 18, 1836, in Wynocke, Hudson (now Passaic) Co., New Jersey, a son of John H. Van Wagener and Eliza Smith. He was baptized at Winter Quarters in June, 1847, and ordained a High Priest and Bishop July 15, 1877, by John Taylor. *LDS Bioq. Encyc Vol p661*

JOHN VAN WAGONER SR., AND MARGARET ANN FAUSETT VAN WAGONER



John Van Wagoner, Sr., was born September 13, 1849, at Pottowattomie County, Iowa, a son of John Halmah and Clarissa Tappen Van Wagoner. He married Margaret Ann Fausett March 13, 1872. She was born February 26, 1854 at Provo, a daughter of John and Mary Shelton Fausett. John died December 20, 1928 at Heber, and Margaret Ann died January 20, 1923. Both are buried in Midway.

John came across the plains with his parents in 1852 at the age of three, and settled with them in Provo.

On July 17, 1863, he was baptized by William Wood, and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by his brother, David.

In 1864, he came with his parents to Wasatch Valley and settled in Midway at the lower settlement.

In 1866 he went to Montana where he worked for some time, and where he suffered greatly from home-sickness. He was a very young boy at this time and was with men who were not of the Mormon faith. After his return he went to Salt Lake City and with ox team hauled rock for the temple.

In 1868, he went with eight others from the county by ox team to meet the last immigrants that crossed the plains with ox team. They waited on the Platte River for seven weeks having provisions and teams for them. Six died this trip and were buried in the river bed. They were just wrapped in quilts and buried in a trench.

On his return he went to work on the Western Railroad at Humboldt.

In 1872, he married Margaret Ann Fausett by his brother Bishop David Van Wagoner and some years later they went to the Endowment House. Fourteen children were born to them.

He worked in the mountains logging, and had the contract for the first hundred cord of wood used at the Ontario Mine in Park City.

He and his brother, William, burned lime, and for a number of years made brick together with his sons. He made brick used in his own home and in many other buildings in the county. He also laid brick and did plastering. He bought a lot from Mark Smith for \$2.50 and built his own home. He and his son made brick in Heber for two years. Labor was cheap and he labored 65 days on the Second Ward meeting house at Midway for \$1.00 a day, 10 hours a day.

He was school trustee for Midway School for sixteen years. For sixteen years he was a ward teacher. He also taught a Sunday School class. He was very honest and taught his children to be honest. He was also charitable, his only regret being that he wasn't able to help more where people needed help. He had a great amount of faith and many were healed through the priesthood he held.

They reared thirteen children to manhood and womanhood. All were married but one daughter, Grace. When the first epidemic of "flu" came, they lost three children within five months, there being just three weeks between Ann Eliza and Joseph. Grace was the first to die. She died at her sister's home, Luella Clyde in Heber. At that time she was working at the bank of Heber City.

March 13, 1922, they celebrated their golden wedding day in the Midway meeting house, having a big dinner in the basement. Most of the children and grandchildren were there and many, many relatives and friends. At night there was a dance in their honor at the amusement hall.

One year later Margaret Ann passed away, with heart failure.

John suffered a very serious sickness about four years prior to his death.

He appreciated the love and kindness of his family through his long illness. He spent much of the time at the home of his daughter, Luella Clyde in Heber. He died there. Funeral services were held in the Midway 1st Ward. He was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

Throughout her life Margaret was a faithful Latter-day Saint and had a loving, charitable heart, never turning anyone away who was hungry.

She joined the Relief Society when still very young, and was active for many, many

years. She served as a teacher in the Relief Society for a long time. She helped care for the poor, and was always on hand to do her part at the time of death.

She was very ambitious, and took pride in her gardens, her home and her family.

When sickness was in the home she was very skillful with herbs, and had faith in the priesthood which her husband bore. She was always a loving, devoted wife and mother, kind and considerate of all. Her life was spent in sacrifice to help others.

Children of John and Margaret Ann Fausett Van Wagoner:

Margaret, died
John Jr., married Margaret Young
Mary Ann, married Edward Culmer
Ann Eliza, married Benjamin Hair
William L., married Charlotte Sharp
Clarissa, married James T. Pyper
Sarah, married Hyrum S. Winterton
Joseph Monroe, married Edith Bronson
David Francis, married Celestia Pack
Nancy Jane, married Fredrick O. Haueter
Luella, married Earl Clyde and Later Canute P. Brienholt

Grace, died
Dean Delos, married Ella Johnson, and later Alta Johnson

Albert, married Anna Turley, and later Ora Giles.

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WILLIAM VAN WAGONER
AND LEILA ALEXANDER VAN
WAGONER AND LENORA
JACQUES VAN WAGONER



William Van Wagoner, a son of John H.

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

and Clarissa Tappen Van Wagoner, was born July 1, 1856 at Provo. He married Lelia Naomi Alexander, October 9, 1879, and after her death married Lenora Jacques October 27, 1897. He died December 1, 1928 at Midway.

Lelia Naomi Alexander was born June 26, 1858, a daughter of Henry S. and Sarah Miles Alexander. She died July 27, 1896.

Lenora Jacques was born June 22, 1866 at Provo, a daughter of George W. and Louisa Phillips Jacques. She died March 9, 1944 at Salt Lake City.

William grew up under humble circumstances in Midway. His father had two families to care for, one in Midway and one in Provo. He was a millwright by trade.

By the time William was 16 he and his brother John had the responsibility of supporting their mother's family.

After his marriage to Lelia Alexander in 1879 William bought a building lot in the central part of Midway and constructed a permanent family home. Lelia died in 1896 of diphtheria.

William married Lenora who reared his seven children by his first wife and bore him six more children.

By trade William was a lime burner. He located his business on the west side of Jessie's mound, later known as Memorial Hill. The lime quarries were located two blocks north in an area known as the Snake Den. When he purchased the land he had to kill more than 250 rattlesnakes before he could take over the property.

For more than 50 years William had a part in every building that was erected in Wasatch and Summit counties. A load of lime went from his place to the Marsack Hill in Park City every day for 13 years. It was delivered by John Peterson. During 1916 to 1918 he shipped more than 1,000 railroad car loads of limestone to the Amalgamated Sugar Co. of Ogden.

Through his business William created a livelihood for many men and their families. He was noted for his integrity, his love of people, and his fondness for music, as well as an avid devotion to fishing.

Both his wives loved and supported him, and created good homes and environment for the children.

In 1955, the Wasatch County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, under the direction of Lethe Coleman Tatge, erected a monument

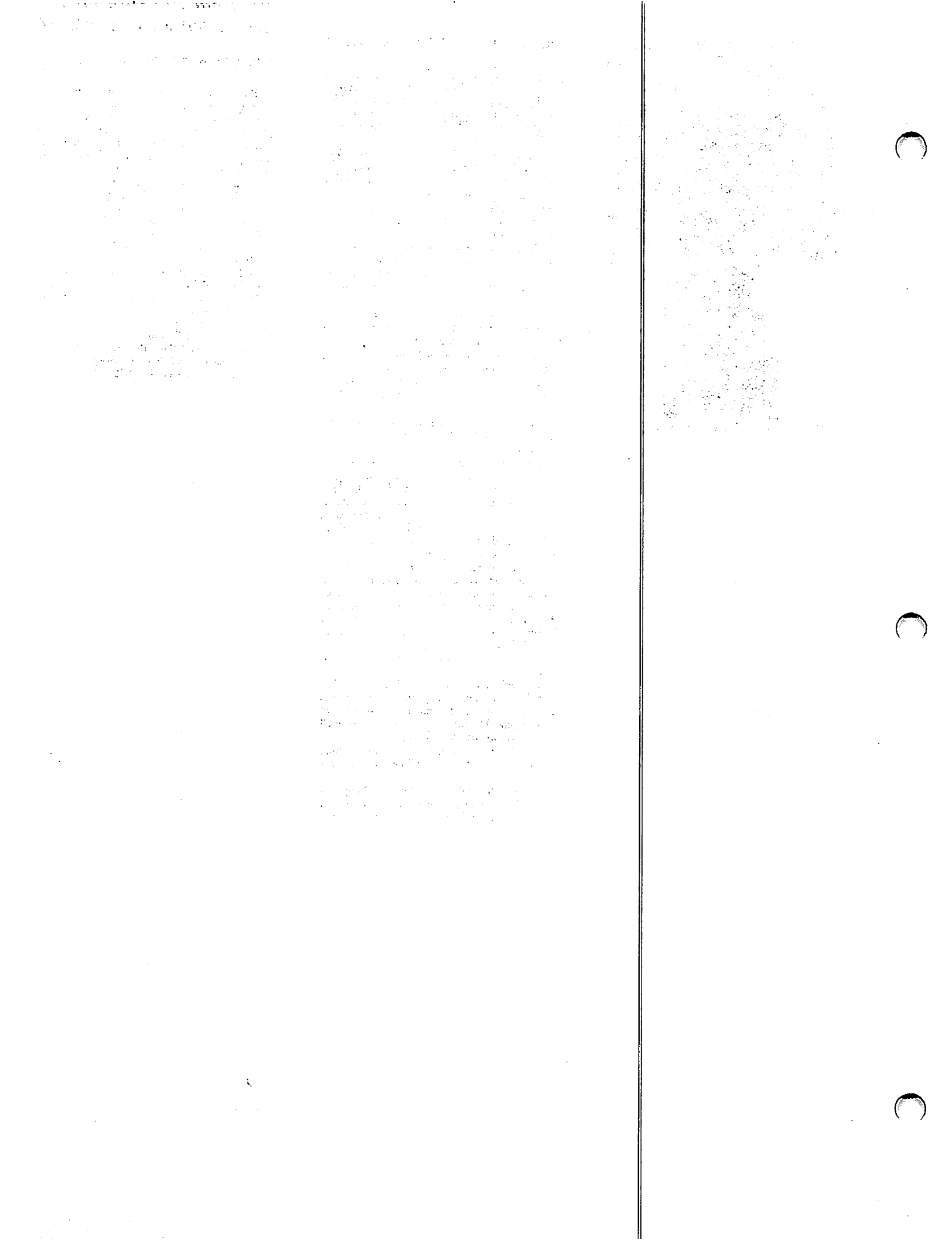
William Van Wagoner
limeburner, merchant

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at the old limestone business honoring William and John as pioneer builders of the area. Many hours were spent in accomplishing the project. The marker which stands at the site of the old lime kiln was built by Fred Haueter and others of the community.

Children of William and Lelia included:
Sarah Bertha, married Hugh Cassell;
Lelia Naomi, died in infancy;
William, died in infancy;
Charles, married Martha;
Della Clara, married David Hamilton;
Myrtle May;
Katie Deon, married George Anderson;
Children of William and Lenora included:
Thelma, married Palmer Witt, died and
James G. Terry;
Luciel, died in youth;
Cuba, married Phillip Budd;
Blaine, married Fern Burch;
Ruth, married Walter M. Moser;
Cordelia, died March, 1935.



WILLIAM L. AND CHARLOTTE SHARP VAN WAGONER



William L. Van Wagoner was born May 1, 1879, Midway. Son of John Van Wagoner and Margaret Ann Faucett Van Wagoner. Married Charlotte Sharp September 1, 1900, by Patriarch Nymphus Murdock, Midway. Died September 15, 1952, Midway.

Charlotte Sharp Van Wagoner was born January 18, 1882, Heber. Daughter of Jonathan Sharp and Anna Jowett Sharp. Married William L. Van Wagoner September 1, 1900, Midway. Died August 9, 1957, Heber.

The boyhood of William were spent in Midway. He attended grammar school here. Later he attended the Brigham Young University at Provo, where he studied business. During the summers he worked with his brothers and father in brick making, lime

burning and building. He loved to go fishing in the Provo River and at Strawberry Lake. As the family grew, they had many happy times along the mountain streams.

In the spring of 1900 William met the girl who was to become his life companion, Charlotte Sharp. The evening of their marriage they were honored at a reception held in the old Van Wagoner hall. They went to the Salt Lake Temple May 1st, 1901, and received their Endowments.

In the fall of 1901 William received a call to go on a mission to the Eastern States. This was about a week before their first child was born. This was a difficult decision for the young couple to make, since they were without finances, and too, they would be separated over two years. After praying and talking it over with their families they decided that William should go. William left for the mission field in November 1901 and returned in November 1903, having served an honorable mission.

During his life William was very active in church and civic affairs. As a boy he was president of the Deacons. As a young man he served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and as President of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn. For nine years he served as a counselor in the Bishopric of the Midway 1st Ward, first as a counselor to Bishop Joseph Francom and later to Bishop Henry Coleman. For 16 years he served on the Wasatch Stake High Council under President Joseph Murdock and later with David A. Broadbent. He was a Sunday School teacher, ward teacher and later was appointed President of the Stake Genealogical Committee. He was an inspiring speaker and much in demand at public gatherings.

He served for several years on the Wasatch School Board. William was elected to the State Legislature for three terms by the Republican Party, in 1913, 1915 and in 1933.

For many years William was a merchant, meat cutter, builder and real estate broker. He was appointed by the federal government to act as an appraiser of land involved in the Deer Creek Reservoir project.

Charlotte Sharp Van Wagoner was a devoted wife and mother. She was known as one of the finest homemakers in the valley, and one of the best cooks. Relatives, friends and business associates were always welcome in her home, and always enjoyed

her delicious dinners and sweet hospitality. She was known to all the children in the neighborhood as "Aunt Lottie."

She taught in the organizations of the Church, including the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Assn., and the Primary. For many years she was a teacher in Relief Society, visiting the homes of the sick and the needy. This was a calling she loved.

The family was always proud of their missionary record. William as well as four of his sons, filled full-term missions for the Church in many different parts of the country.

Children of William and Charlotte Van Wagoner:

Arthur William, married Winnie Jones;

Lester Hyrum, died in childhood;

Mrs. Clifford (Mable Ann) Workman;

Paul Halma, married Phyllis Murdock;

Ammon, married (1) Sarah Mae Kidder

(2) Phyllis Cummings (3) Renae Savage;

Mrs. Thomas L. (Belva) Harper;

Ezra Earl, married Fay Rasband;

Grant, died in infancy;

Mrs. Afton (Virginia) Thacker;

Joseph Alfred, married (1) Patricia Read

(2) Helen Mair.

